

CHINESE GIRLS SOLD FOR \$1.50

W. White Thatcher Tells of Seeing Human Auctions in Progress.

W. White Thatcher, formerly of El Paso, now Chinese interpreter and translator at Angel Island, San Francisco, one of the few men who has succeeded in mastering the three main dialects of the Chinese language, is visiting in the city and was the guest Sunday of Malcolm A. Prosser, secretary and George H. Clements, publicity commissioner for the chamber of commerce.

China as a republic will be a success, in Mr. Thatcher's view, although she has many barbaric customs that must be overcome. One of the relics of her barbarous state is the auctioning of young girls, which is still practiced in the interior of the republic.

"I probably am the only white man who has ever seen one of these auctions in actual progress," Mr. Thatcher said Sunday. "The younger and prettier girls are sold by their parents or guardians into a slavery more abject than that which our civil war ended."

A good price for a Chinese girl from 14 to 16 years of age and of good appearance, is about \$500 cash, or about \$1.50 in our money. If the buyer sends the girl over to America, his investment returns prodigious profits, for a Chinese girl in San Francisco, Chicago, or New York, is valued at from \$2500 to \$5000. This war on the girl slave traffic between China and the United States is one of the most difficult problems included in the great Chinese issue.

"I expect to see Dr. Sun Yat Sen elected the next president of China. He is a highly capable man. Now that Yuan Shi Kai has been eliminated, I expect to see the Chinese republic become a glowing success. Li Hung Chang, the former Chinese minister to the United States, and one of the most striking characters China has ever produced, could have any office within the gift of the republic, but so far he has refused all offers to serve in a public capacity.

Three Dialects. "I learned the Chinese language in its three chief dialects through seven years of commercial life there. The three main divisions of the tongue are the Cantonese dialect, the Mandarin, and the southern dialect, which is spoken south of Shanghai. The Mandarin dialect is the official language, but with the three branches of the language mastered, a man can make his way through any part of the vast republic.

"I saw the crowds in El Paso Saturday night and my curiosity was aroused by the 'baying' of 'rum hounds' at your various palaces of pleasure. I took a look at some of the bars. In the Shanghai club, at Shanghai, China, they have a bar 150 feet long there, and until a late hour every night the crowds stand four deep waiting to be served. There is a Chinese bartender about every three feet. Few mixed drinks are served. Scotch whisky, either straight or in a highball, being the favorite drink in the Orient.

There used to be a fine German club in Shanghai also, but since the war, of course, it has dwindled considerably. The immigration of Chinese into the United States continues heavy despite the stringent regulations. Yesterday, for instance, there were 59 admitted through Angel Island. They come in either as natives, or as students, and the travel is heavy. I think the recent criticism of the treatment accorded the Chinese at Angel Island is entirely unfounded. Certain rules have to be complied with, and we have had very few complaints from the Chinese themselves.

TAX INVESTIGATES TO BE ENFORCED

Revenue Collector Announces Regulations Must Be Strictly Observed.

Revenue officials of El Paso have received an important new ruling from A. S. Walker, collector, of Austin, Tex., regarding the tax due upon estates of more than \$50,000 net. Mr. Walker's communication, which indicates that the law is to be stringently enforced, follows:

"Section 305, title II of the revenue act of September 8, 1916, requires all executors and administrators of gross estates exceeding \$50,000, or net estates exceeding \$25,000, to notify the collector of internal revenue within 30 days of the issuance of letters, or within 30 days from coming into any property of a decedent dying after the date of the passage of the act.

Must File Notice. "Where there is no executor or administrator, any person coming into possession of any property of a decedent whose total property exceeds a gross value of \$50,000 or a net value of \$25,000, is required to file similar notice within 30 days of possession. This notice is required in the case of all property, regardless of amount, owned in America by a non-resident. The gross estate, for tax purposes, includes property passing by deed of trust, decedent's interest in joint bank accounts, material gifts made within two years prior to death, and other property which may not come into charge of administrators or executors, who, nevertheless, are required to make return of the same and pay any tax that may be due.

Should Ascertain Rules. "It is important that every executor and administrator having reason to believe that the total property passing by reason of the death of a decedent will exceed the gross value or the net value named, and all executors, administrators or beneficiaries of a decedent non-resident, should file the required notice and ascertain from this office the full requirements of the law. "Heavy penalties are prescribed for failure to comply with any provision of the law. Ignorance of the law does not relieve from penalties. The tax is due one year from date of death. Discount is allowed for payment in advance. Interest runs on overdue tax. "Every person in this district affected by this law should communicate with this office immediately.

AUTOMOBILE IN COLLISION; YOUNG WOMAN IS INJURED

One person was painfully injured and two automobiles damaged Sunday night about 8:30 o'clock, when a machine driven by C. C. Chenoweth, of 215 North Stanton street, collided with another car in the 14th block on East Boulevard. Miss Eileen Klugel, daughter of Mrs. Dema Klugel, was injured about the hands with broken glass. She was removed to her home, at 719 Lee street, where the cuts were dressed by a physician.

According to the statement of Chenoweth to the police, the accident occurred when he attempted to drive around the other car, which was parked near the curb.

FARMER'S BODY FOUND; WIDOW AND MAN ARRESTED

Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 2.—Clarence Myers, a farm hand, and Mrs. Emma Travers, widow, are under arrest at Fremont in connection with the finding of the body of William Travers, a farmer, who disappeared in October a year ago. The body, with bullet holes in the head and neck, was uncovered Saturday by workmen digging on the Travers farm.

RECRUIT FOOLS FIRE FIGHTERS

Endures 4-Minute "Smoke Test;" Emerges Smiling; Undergoes Pole Test.

BY BUD RUTHERFORD. Strong lungs, with a capacity of considerable smoke, are absolutely essential to applicants for positions in the Central fire department building, as the "smoke test," the latest word in the examination of "recruits" for the fire companies, was officially tried out and endorsed by the fire boys Sunday morning. The story of how a recruit passed through the smoke test, and came out with flying colors, thereby making a hit with chief John Wray, who was unaware of the test, is as follows:

The Gravel By Smoke. Imagine a large tin can filled with excelsior, cotton and other combustible articles, placed in an empty room and set afire. The black smoke completely fills the building. The recruit is then told that successfully to withstand the test he must enter the smoke filled room and stay for fully five minutes, closing the door. A member of the department then held the watch on the unsuspecting recruit, who entered the door and shut it.

Two minutes had passed after the entrance of the recruit, when the firemen standing outside, thinking the joke had been carried too far, looked in the window and saw the "recruit" taking it easily. After four minutes a signal was given and the recruit emerged, his perspiration pouring from his face, but with a smile from ear to ear with the knowledge that he had successfully stood the test and was now a regular fireman.

Roba Down Scarcely. His troubles were not yet over, however, as one of the firemen insisted that he be passed through the test of getting up and sliding down the brass pole from the second floor to the engine room. He was equipped with a pair of pants clipped much too short for him, huge rubber boots, a large shirt, and instructions to slide down the pole when called. This he did with startling rapidity, and was met at the bottom of the pole by the entire personnel of the department. The boys unanimously declared that he was now a member of the craft.

DISCOVERY OF GRAND CANYON.

The first white man to see the Grand canyon of the Colorado were Cardenas and his 12 companions, who were guided there by Hopi Indians from Tusayan. Cardenas was sent by Coronado to find the wonderful river of which De Tovar had heard from the Indians. He remained four days on the rim at some point now unknown, looking in vain for a way to descend. It is always interesting to recall the heroic trip made by Maj. J. W. Powell down the Grand canyon in small boats when practically nothing was known of its course or character. His journey began at Green River, Wyo., May 24, 1892, and was notably successful. — U. S. Geological Survey.

NEGRO PRISONER ESCAPES.

Escaping while being taken into the city jail, Willie Taylor, a negro, is being sought by the police on a charge of assault Saturday night. Taylor was arrested by patrolman James Barrett and A. Alston, and after being searched in the jailer's office, was told to accompany jailer Gus Arrendariz. The negro broke away from the jailer, who was occupied with another prisoner at the time, and running through the door into the alley, he escaped.

NEW ADDITION MAY JOIN CITY

Grandview Residents Sound City Fathers as to Possible Advantages.

With Government Hill already annexed to the city, there is a possibility that El Paso's territory may be further extended by the annexation of Grandview, which is up on the so-called mesa. Walter Scott and Leslie Reed, constituting a committee from that section, conferred with mayor Tom Lea and the members of the city council in order to ascertain what advantages would accrue to the Grandview residents by asking for annexation.

Lack of Water Claimed. No definite action has been taken, but it is believed that the committee's call is the first step toward final annexation. The people of Grandview are suffering at the present time from a shortage of water, they say, and this is laid to the fact that small and inadequate pipes have been laid.

The water question was one of the important issues discussed by Messrs. Scott and Reed with the city's officials. Virtually the same condition exists regarding the schools as has caused the controversy over the annexation of Government Hill. The city officials hold that under the annexation plan the Grandview residents would be compelled to pay a double school tax the first year, but after that, their payments on the outstanding bonds would become a part of the city school expenses.

Many Beautiful Homes. A number of beautiful homes have been built in the Grandview section and the soil has proved fertile for a wide range of agricultural and horticultural products. Residents there enjoy the combined advantages of city and country life.

If no definite action is taken by the Grandview citizens to be included in El Paso, it is possible that the city will make the first move toward annexation, if the amendment to the city charter providing for such action is passed at the forthcoming special election.

"MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY" THEME OF CHAPLAIN'S TALK

"The Man Without a Country," by Edward Everett Hale, was the subject of a lecture illustrated with stereopticon slides, given by chaplain John T. Arton at the open air services at the 29th infantry camp at Fort Bliss Sunday evening.

Chaplain Arton recounted the story of Philip Nolan, the United States army officer of the revolutionary period, who when brought before a court-martial, cursed the United States, and said he hoped he would never see the country or hear of it again. The court decided to carry out Nolan's wish. He was placed upon an outbound vessel and for 55 years, never saw the United States. The ship's officers avoided all reference to the United States, and all Nolan's reading matter was censored so that he never read of the United States. Nolan developed an extraordinary love for his country before he died.

The members of company E, of the 29th infantry, had charge of the Sunday evening open air services. The service was opened with a medley of patriotic airs by the 29th infantry band. Miss Anna Arton gave a soprano solo, "My America," by Purdon. As chaplain Arton concluded his lecture on "The Man Without a Country," a United States flag was flashed upon the screen and the audience rose at the band played "The Star Spangled Banner." The services ended with a moving picture exhibition.

POOR OF JUAREZ FLOCK TO PADRE

Curate Distributes Alms Every Saturday Afternoon; Piteous Scenes.

BY EDMOND E. BEHR. This is a story about poor people—not ordinarily poor people, but so poor that one real meal a day is a bright spot in their lives. Also, it is about a man who is spending his days helping those adults and children of poverty.

If one will visit Juarez any Saturday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock, one can see the people and the man. The man is Father Jose Marquez, curate of the Guadalupe mission in Juarez. The people are the destitute men, women and children of the neighboring Mexican town, as well as hundreds who come up from the interior.

The Outretched Hands. Is there any thrill in the sight of a ragged, little Mexican girl holding out her claw-like hand to padre Marquez for a loaf of bread? Is there anything interesting in a blind, white-haired man grasping to his bosom a second-hand "camisa" that the priest has just handed him? Is there anything "newy" in a wrinkled crane muttering blessings to "Dios," as she is given a small sack of beans?

That's what occurs every week-end at the cathedral in Juarez, when Father Marquez distributes alms to the poor of his congregation. "The poor ye have always with you" might have been written for this very scene that takes place every Saturday in the Mexican town across the Rio Grande.

To this oldest of worshiping places along the border comes the destitute of Juarez every Saturday and Father Marquez gives them food and clothing—and the blessing of God. What they give the priest in return is inexpressible.

The Aftermath of War. Constant revolution and turmoil has increased the poverty ratio over all the Mexican republic, and Juarez has suffered with the rest of the country. In the old days before the wars, the congregation of the mission of "Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe" was comparatively well fed and clothed. Things are different now.

The churchgoers are mostly poor, so they look to the pastor for aid. And they get all he can possibly give them in the way of clothes and food. Sometimes, but rarely, it is money.

The great heart of the church has room for all, he says—but sometimes it has not food and clothes for all.

THE FISHERMAN'S EXCUSE.

Sergeants Will Simpson, Dan Thompson and Ivy Finley, and mounted patrolmen Charles Brooks, composed a fishing party that left El Paso early Sunday morning for Fabens, Texas. The fishermen returned late Sunday afternoon, and although reporting a good catch, did not show any of the fish to their friends at the police station. Later Sergeant Simpson told chief B. J. Zabricki that the efforts of the fishing party had been hampered as a result of assistance they had rendered a rancher near Fabens in getting one of his cattle out of the quicksand.

LAD RUN DOWN.

Carlos Barredo, aged seven years, was run down and slightly injured by a light truck at Second and Stanton streets Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The young boy, according to his mother, attempted to cross the street when the truck rushed by northbound at a terrific rate of speed. One of the rear wheels passed over his left foot slightly bruising it. He was taken to the emergency hospital by Capt. Charles Stewart, of the truck company of the fire department.

SOLDIER SAVED BY LUNG MOTOR

Private Whose Body Had Turned Cold Is Brought to Consciousness.

After he had become unconscious, and his body had turned cold, a soldier wearing a metal disc bearing the name of Pvt. Charles Washburn, of battery F, First Pennsylvania artillery, was brought back to consciousness Sunday afternoon, after several hours of work by Dr. G. B. Calnan, assisted by Capt. Lee Hall and other officers.

The unconscious form of the soldier was found in a box car of the El Paso and Southwestern railway yards near the river, by special officer Ben West, and was taken to the emergency hospital. After an hour of first aid methods with the police lungmotor, he was revived sufficiently to be taken to the base hospital.

The metal and rubber cap of the lungmotor placed over the nose and mouth of the soldier, and the generator began pumping oxygen into the lungs of the unconscious form. After a few minutes he began to breathe irregularly. Within half an hour the color had returned to his face, and he began to take deep breaths from the lungmotor. Within an hour Dr. Calnan took off the cap, and although the soldier had not regained full consciousness, he was breathing regularly, and was removed to the base hospital in an automobile ambulance.

"September Morn" Is Put to Blush By "Turtle Lady"

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2.—Is a painting of a nude woman watching a turtle naughtily?

Neither the turtle nor the lady has any covering other than that provided by nature. Arthur Farwell of the Law and Order league objected to the display at the Artist Guild of the new picture by Bolton Brown of New York.

Club women, who failed to defend "September Morn," rushed to the defense of the turtle and the lady. "September Morn" was looking at nothing except her public bath, but the turtle, they assert, is evidently a student of nature.

"There is nothing impure in the nude," said Mrs. William F. Grower, vice president of the Municipal Art league. "I think objections to nude art are too narrow and old fashioned to merit consideration."

"Having painted the nude 'myself' when I was abroad, I would be the last to object to it," said Mrs. Harlan Ward Wooley, president of the Chicago Woman's club.

"The use of the nude—or semi nude—in advertising is demoralizing. A nude art work, sincerely done, cannot meet with objection from anyone of broad intelligence."

TWO PISTOLS STOLEN.

Two automatic pistols of the army model were taken from the camps of the fifth Massachusetts and the 21st Michigan regiments respectively Saturday, according to report made to the police department. Capt. Carlson, of the fifth Massachusetts, and Sergeant A. Keener, of Company F, 21st Michigan, were the victims.

IS HELD UP AND ROBBED OF \$575

L. M. Butchofsky, Druggist, Victim of Daring Robbery; Culprits Escape.

L. M. Butchofsky, proprietor of a drug store at 2066 Alameda avenue, was held up and robbed of \$575 in silver and bills Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock by two masked men, who walked into his store armed with automatic pistols. The amount which consisted of \$400 in \$5 and \$10 gold pieces, \$100 in \$5 bills, and \$75 in silver coin, was taken from the safe in the rear of the drug store, where it was being counted by the proprietor when the robbers entered.

One of them pointed a pistol at a boy who is employed in the drug store, while the other walked behind the counter and took the money after Butchofsky had been told to hold up his hands. According to the description given to the police by Butchofsky, the robbers were of medium height and of dark complexion. After leaving the store they walked down Alameda avenue and disappeared in the darkness.

WOMAN LEADS SAVAGES AGAINST THE BRITISH

Cape Town, South Africa, Oct. 2.—There has appeared in the Kilmarnock region a German woman warrior who is leading a force of native troops without the assistance of any other Europeans.

Near the mountains of the Moon this desperate woman waged a guerrilla warfare against the Allied forces, and thrilling stories are told of the strange wild life which she and her black followers led.

The native story is that she is the wife of a German commandant, who was killed in the fight which took place at Longido on September 25, 1914. She was so grief-stricken over the death of her husband that she openly declared to be a revenge.

The natives who spoke of her as a mad woman, said that her anger was particularly concentrated against the King's African Rifles, in a skirmish with which force her husband had been slightly wounded, and the East African Mounted Rifles.

She is described as a big woman with flaxen hair. She rides astride and is armed to the teeth. She seems to have a wonderful control over her native followers.

SPANELL TRIAL SET FOR DEC. 11 IN SAN ANGELO

Alpine, Texas, Oct. 2.—The trial of Harry Spannell on the charge of murdering his wife and Lieut. Col. M. C. Butler while they were in an automobile here with Spannell, has been set for December 11, in San Angelo. The trial promises to be a hard fought legal battle, as both the state and the defense are to have strong legal talent. A large number of witnesses, including both civilian and army people, are to be summoned.

MUCH JEWELRY STOLEN.

Jewelry valued at over \$150 was stolen from the home of W. N. Black at 205 West Rio Grande street Sunday afternoon by burglars who visited the home during the absence of the family. Entrance into the home is believed to have been made through the front door with a pass key. Among the articles taken were two necklaces, an amethyst ring, three watches and a gold bracelet set with small diamonds.

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